Cut in PDS quota

†3077. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have made reduction in the quota of commodities provided under Public Distribution System in various States;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that many State Governments have requested the Centre to provide the same quantity of commodities under the said system that was being provided earlier;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the decision taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) Keeping in view the reduced availability of foodgrains, especially wheat, in the Central pool and to ensure that the subsidy remains targeted towards poor households as well as to check diversion, the Government *inter alia*, took decisions to rationalise the allocation of foodgrains under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS).

(c) to (e) The Government, considering the representations from State Government and others, has decided to postpone the implementation of the decisions.

Spot inspection of factories and mills causing pollution

†3078. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Pollution Control Board made on the spot inspection of certain factories and mills causing environmental pollution in different States during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and spot-wise;

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